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OPTICAL TRANSMISSION STRUCTURES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims, prior to the examination of the application during the U.S. National Phase.

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel Claim 65, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and amend the remaining claims as follows: (A copy of a marked up version with markings to show changes made is attached hereto.)~~

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3. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of forming a passageway comprises drilling or machining through the composite